



Pegasus Spyware Creator Fined \$167M for WhatsApp Breach

Description

NSO Group must pay \$167 million to WhatsApp. This is because they hacked 1,400 people in 2019.

Pegasus is a bad program that can be put on phones to spy on people. It can turn on microphones and cameras without permission.

NSO Group sells Pegasus. They have been accused of helping bad governments spy on journalists and others.

WhatsApp said this is an important win against illegal spying.

NSO will look at the decision and may appeal it.

Pegasus was a big issue in 2021 when many hacked phone numbers were found. These included politicians and journalists.

NSO must also pay another \$444,000 to Meta after a long court battle. This case might encourage more companies to take action.

Vocabulary List:

1. **Accused** /ə'kju:zd/ (verb): Charged with a fault or offense.
2. **Hacked** /hækt/ (verb): Gained unauthorized access to data in a system.
3. **Appeal** /ə'pi:l/ (verb): To make a formal request to a higher court for a decision to be reviewed.
4. **Important** /ɪm'pɔ:rtnt/ (adjective): Of great significance or value.
5. **Encourage** /ɪn'kɜ:rɪdʒ/ (verb): To give support confidence or hope to someone.
6. **Spy** /spaɪ/ (verb): To observe secretly in order to gather information.

Comprehension Questions

Multiple Choice

1. What amount must NSO Group pay to WhatsApp?



- Option: \$167,000
- Option: \$167 million
- Option: \$444,000
- Option: \$1 billion

2. What is Pegasus?

- Option: A food delivery service
- Option: A surveillance program
- Option: A social media platform
- Option: An online shopping website

3. Who accused NSO Group of helping bad governments spy on journalists and others?

- Option: Meta
- Option: WhatsApp
- Option: Pegasus
- Option: Unnamed sources

4. What was the outcome of the legal battle between NSO Group and Meta?

- Option: NSO Group won
- Option: Meta won
- Option: No clear winner
- Option: The case was dropped

5. When did Pegasus become a major issue?

- Option: 2018
- Option: 2019
- Option: 2020
- Option: 2021

6. What might the court's decision in the NSO Group case encourage more companies to do?

- Option: Spy on journalists
- Option: Sell surveillance software
- Option: Take legal action
- Option: Hack phones

True-False

7. NSO Group hacked 1,400 people in 2020.



8. Pegasus can access microphones and cameras on phones without permission.
9. WhatsApp did not view the legal outcome against NSO Group as significant.
10. NSO Group will not consider appealing the court decision.
11. The hacking of phone numbers in 2021 involved only ordinary citizens.
12. The legal battle with Meta resulted in no financial penalties for NSO Group.

Gap-Fill

13. NSO Group must pay \$ _____ million to WhatsApp.
14. Pegasus was a significant issue in _____ when many phone numbers were hacked.
15. NSO Group had to pay an additional \$ _____ to Meta after the court case.
16. NSO Group sells the surveillance program _____.
17. The accusations against NSO Group involve helping bad governments spy on _____.
18. The court decision in the NSO Group case might prompt more companies to take legal _____.

Answer

Multiple Choice: 1. \$167 million 2. A surveillance program 3. Unnamed sources 4. Meta won 5. 2021 6. Take legal action

True-False: 7. False 8. True 9. False 10. False 11. False 12. False

Gap-Fill: 13. 167 14. 2021 15. 444,000 16. Pegasus 17. journalists and others 18. action

Vocabulary quizzes

Multiple Choice (Select the Correct answer for each question.)



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1. What is the term used for a person officially charged with a crime?
Option: Defendant
Option: Plaintiff
Option: Witness
Option: Judge
 2. What is a conclusion reached after considering facts and evidence in a certain matter?
Option: Chance
Option: Guess
Option: Opinion
Option: Verdict
 3. What is a general term for a decline in mental ability?
Option: Memory
Option: Concentration
Option: Intelligence
Option: Cognition
 4. Which term describes a medical condition characterized by excessive body fat?
Option: Anorexia
Option: Malnutrition
Option: Obesity
Option: Sarcopenia
 5. What is the term for a person who exposes misconduct alleged dishonest or illegal activity occurring within an organization?
Option: Collaborator
Option: Conspirator
Option: Whistleblower
Option: Instigator
 6. What is the principle of moral rightness based on ethics rationality law natural law religion fairness and equity?
Option: Vengeance
Option: Bribery
Option: Justice
Option: Corruption
 7. What is the act of finding or learning something for the first time?
Option: Concealment
Option: Obscurity
Option: Discovery



Option: Secrecy

8. What is the term for claiming or asserting that something is the case typically without providing evidence or proof?

Option: Proving

Option: Admitting

Option: Alleging

Option: Confessing

9. What is the term for publicly supporting or recommending a particular cause or policy?

Option: Deterring

Option: Advocating

Option: Obstructing

Option: Rejecting

10. What is the arrangement of words and phrases to create well-formed sentences in a language?

Option: Context

Option: Lexicon

Option: Grammar

Option: Syntax

Gap-Fill (Fill in the blanks with the correct word from the vocabulary list.)

11. In computer science a set of instructions that performs a specific task is called a

_____.

12. If a person disagrees with a court decision they may file an _____ to have the decision reviewed.

13. Prescribed drugs or substances used for medical treatment are commonly referred to as

_____.

14. A government agency or body responsible for controlling and supervising a particular area of activity is known as a _____.



15. Challenges or hindrances that impede progress or achievement are often called

_____.

16. The process of sharing or exchanging information through speech writing or other mediums is known as

_____.

17. The evidence presented strongly _____ that the suspect was at the scene of the crime.

18. The gradual development or advancement of something over time is often referred to as

_____.

19. To inspire motivate or support someone to do something positive is to _____ them.

20. Her upbringing greatly _____ her beliefs and values as an adult.

Matching Sentences (Match each definition to the correct word from the vocabulary list.)

21. The act of secretly obtaining information considered confidential or classified is known as espionage or .
22. He pursued his goals never backing down from a challenge.
23. The therapist focused on improving the patient's functions through various exercises.
24. Sitting for prolonged periods without movement can lead to health issues caused by .
25. Making false and damaging statements about someone's reputation is considered .
26. Her for the environment led her to become an active conservationist.
27. The legal proceeding where the guilt or innocence of a defendant is determined is called a .
28. Exposure to certain chemicals can have effects on the human body.
29. Before using the new device make sure to read the manual carefully.



30. The organization is dedicated to for the rights of marginalized communities.

Answer

Multiple Choice: 1. Defendant 2. Verdict 3. Cognition 4. Obesity 5. Whistleblower 6. Justice 7. Discovery 8. Alleging 9. Advocating 10. Syntax

Gap-Fill: 11. Program 12. Appeal 13. Medications 14. Regulator 15. Obstacles 16. Communicate 17. Suggests 18. Evolution 19. Encourage 20. Influenced

Matching sentence: 1. Spying 2. Aggressively 3. Cognitive 4. Inactivity 5. Defamation 6. Concerns 7. Trial 8. Harmful 9. Instructions 10. Advocating

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